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April 10th 1942

The Hon. J. A. Macdonald
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Minister of Pension
Dear Sir



I notice in your recent
visit to Vancouver that you said
you hoped Japanese Aliens would
not return here after the War.

I would like to draw your
attention to the fact that Aliens
of this Country care live any part
of Canada they like if they can
support themselves

These people are legally in
the Country & thousands of them
born & educated here & graduates
of our University & they have
as much rights in the Country
as you & I have, they can't
be held responsible for what

Japan does 4000 miles away
I think that we have
done these people the greatest
injustice since the Crucifixion

They have bought this time
in Vancouver 300-000 dollars
of Victory Bonds & then to show
our gratitude & Christianity
we reward them by smashing
up their homes & businesses
that they have worked hard for
& then add insult to injury
by locking them up at night
like a lot of criminals. If
you call that British Justice
then I don't agree, that is
playing Hitlers game

I say now you have taken
the Japanese Fishermen from
off the sea & Coastal points
that you should at least

let the Vancouver Japanese stay
in their homes & businesses where
they can support themselves

A few years ago we had a
sit down strike in the Post Office
here & the Government could not
find money to put them to work
now look at the money we are
wasting on this Japanese scheme

What will you tell me is
the sense of interning Japanese
Prisoners & Home Cleaners when
they can keep themselves, it is
not only foolish but a waste of
the Country's money

I am as much concerned
about the safety of the Country
as the next person. I was a
Fischer Overseas last time & my
second son is Overseas in the
Air Force at present but God
Almighty made the Japanese the
same as the English & Scottish

so let us drop His racial hatred
If blight dwelt in the hearts
of men there would be no Wars

I thought we should never
have another after the last one
& all the sacrifice that was
made, I just dread to think of
the slaughter that will take place
His gear

There is a fearful judgment
coming to people who shut Wars
& I don't envy Hitler what
is coming to him

I have the honor to be
sir

Yours Sincerely
John Godwin

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February 24th, 1942.

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Hon. Ian MacKenzie,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose copy of Resolution passed by the full meeting of the Vancouver Real Estate Exchange regarding removal of enemy aliens from the Coast, and have been authorized to ask your active support for this urgent action.

Yours faithfully,

President.

YH/D.

THE VANCOUVER REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE LIMITED

February 23rd, 1942.

WHEREAS the presence of many thousands of Japanese on the Canadian Pacific Coast adds enormously to the dangers of hostile attacks which may be made very soon, and

WHEREAS it is generally recognized that it is the intention of many of the Japanese to support their countrymen in the event of an invasion, and

WHEREAS the situation is causing an intense feeling of alarm among citizens of Vancouver, and

WHEREAS the removal of all enemy aliens, and potential enemies of alien origin, from the coast is an extremely urgent and vital necessity, and

WHEREAS according to a recent report from Ottawa it is expected that only some 3500 Japanese will be removed within a month which is only a small percentage of the alien population in British Columbia,

BE IT RESOLVED that we advise the Dominion Government that such leisurely procedure is inadequate to cope with the speed of enemy activity, as demonstrated in other places, and that immediate action is required to remove all enemy aliens, regardless of age or sex, from the Coast area as quickly as possible,

AND FURTHER that such removal should apply to and include all Japanese born or naturalized in Canada regardless of age or sex many of whom have been trained in Japan in preparation for hostile action here.

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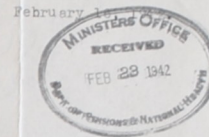
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Hon. Ian Mackenzie, M.P.,
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Dear Ian:-

Thank you very much for the courtesy of your letter of February 9th, 1942, re Mr. E. G. Lander.

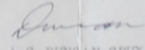
Your prompt attention to correspondence is greatly appreciated by the various people who are constantly calling on you for assistance.

I would like to take this opportunity of mentioning a word or two about the Japanese situation here. No doubt you are fully conversant with the facts, but I think that you should bear in mind in your deliberations that generally speaking the population here will not be satisfied until all Japanese are moved out of the coastal areas.

Due to the fact that the war news is constantly worse and worse, there is a growing feeling of resentment here against the fact that the Japanese, whether Canadian born or not, are permitted to live in what the people generally consider a dangerous area. I know that this presents a tremendous problem, and that you will do whatever you think is best in the matter, but it occurred to me that you might appreciate a word on the general attitude of various persons I have met in Vancouver and the result of various discussions I have heard at meetings and clubs throughout the city.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for your continued good health and good service,

Yours sincerely,


A.G. DUNCAN CRUX

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Article appearing in The Kelowna Courier,
dated February 18, 1942

PARTIES OF COAST JAPANESE VISIT STOOD WITH
KELOWNA IN PAST WEEK TO STUDY POSSIBI-
LITIES OF LAND PURCHASE

Little information vouchsafed by Oriental visitors when questioned by Provincial Police here -- inquiries made at local real estate firms regarding fruit and farm lands for sale -- some firms refuse to deal with Japanese

Infiltration of Canadian born and naturalized Japanese into the Kelowna district was suggested during the past week by the arrival in Kelowna of a number of large private automobiles, carrying well dressed and educated young Japanese. These Oriental visitors made inquiries at the various real estate firms in the city regarding fruit and farm lands and on the whole received little encouragement from the local firms. In most real estate offices, the land-seeking Japanese were informed that the firm in question did not wish to do business with members of an enemy race at this time, but the Provincial police report that one real estate dealer inquired whether land could be legally sold to Japanese.

The first group to arrive a week ago was questioned by Sergeant Macdonald, local Provincial Police head, and the spokesman for the party was most non-committal as to their intentions and little could be ascertained as to their previous occupations at the Coast. The police here were told by the visitors that they had been instructed to report to the postmaster in regard to their change of address on their registration cards.

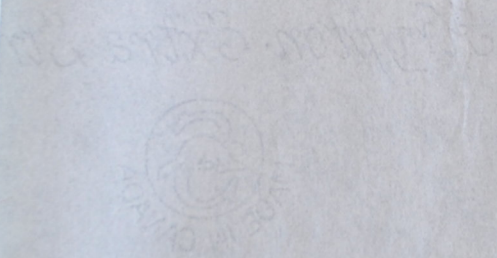
The papers of all members of the group were in order, and they were quite aware that they did not have to answer to the local police in regard to their plans. Little or no information was secured by the police, and the cool self-assurance of the entire group was obvious to the point of irritation.

Most of the parties that were here making inquiries have moved on to other sections of the Okanagan Valley, and it is apparent that these groups were acting as scouting parties for certain sections of the Canadian-born and naturalized Coast Japanese. It is suggested that, after making a survey of the opportunities for settlement and land purchase throughout the Valley, they will return to the Coast and report their findings. The majority of Kelowna residents hope that the cool reception accorded these "contact men" will alter their plans to settle here, but it is pointed out that, unless a united front is created to prevent land lease or purchase, it will be extremely difficult to prevent a substantial influx of Japanese. So far no restrictions have been imposed by law on the movements of Canadian-born and naturalized Japanese, and statements have been made in some quarters that the authorities at the Coast are urging that these Japanese take up land in the interior of the province. Ottawa has ruled that all Japanese must be moved east of the Cascade range, but so far final disposal plans have not been completed.

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Appearance of Coast Japanese in Kelowna has been the subject of much discussion during the past week, and from statements made it appears likely that any substantial movement of Japanese to the Kelowna district will be met by direct action by a group of citizens who are inexorably opposed to the move.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAM

Vernon, B.C.,

February 20, 1942

Hon. Grote Stirling,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Whereas no definite steps have so far been taken in respect to controlled evacuation of Japanese from the Coast area, and that infiltration is already apparent into the Okanagan Valley, where too great a percentage of Japanese already reside,

And whereas thirteen member councils of the Okanagan Municipal Association have called a meeting today to discuss this impending menace,

Therefore be it resolved,

(1) That we request the Dominion Government to take definite and immediate action to stop infiltration of Japanese into the Okanagan Valley

(2) That, as a war measure, orders-in-council be passed prohibiting the sale, lease or rent of lands or crops to persons of Japanese origin in Canada, and that such a measure be retroactive as from the commencement of hostilities;

(3) That a properly conducted evacuation of the Japanese from the Coastal areas to a less dangerous zone, and then under strict military control, and with the assurance that they will be usefully employed for the benefit of Canada, would cause local indignation to subside.

Okanagan Valley Municipal Association
J. Wright, Secretary.